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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

REF: STATE 183790

1. THIS EVENING AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN CAME BY INFORMALLY TO SEE ME, "AS OLD FRIEND". BERNSTEIN IS HELPING ADMIRAL HUERTA ORGANIZE RECONSTITUTED FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE BROUGHT ME INFORMAL PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM HUERTA, WHICH I RECIPROCATED.

2. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO RAISE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. BERNSTEIN WAS PARTICULARLY TAKEN WITH ARGUMENT THAT CUBAN DIPLOMATS ALREADY SAFE AND THAT EVENTS DO NOT ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE. HE BELIEVES BEST MAN TO PRESENT CHILE'S CASE AT THE MOMENT WOULD BE RAUL BAZAN, WHO PRESENTLY IS LEGAL ADVISOR TO CHILEAN UN DELEGATION. WITHOUT MY HAVING TO TELL HIM, HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HOLGER WOULD NOT BE THE MAN. HE THOUGHT CHILE COULD REASONABLY ASK FOR BRIEF POSTPONEMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE BASIS THAT IT NEEDED A LITTLE TIME TO GET APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO BAZAN -- PARTICULARLY AS CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY ADVICE FROM WALDHEIM THAT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING BEING CALLED.
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3. BERNSTEIN WAS DOUBTFUL OF THE ADVISABILITY OF FLYING HIGH-RANKING CHILEAN TO NEW YORK FROM SANTIAGO AS HE FELT THAT SUCH SPECTACULAR GESTURE MIGHT MAGNIFY PROBLEM, WHICH CHILE WOULD PREFER TO PLAY DOWN IF POSSIBLE. HE WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF

OUR CONSULTATION AND FRIENDLY ASSISTANCE. HE ALSO SAID HE
WOULD ASK BAZAN TO MAKE A PRIVATE EFFORT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
OUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.
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